

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**- Amendments -**

Applicant respectfully requests that the pending claims be amended as indicated in the accompanying amended page(s), in which:

- Claim 1 is amended to better define the invention; and
- Claim 2 is newly added.

By these amendments, claims 1 to 2 are pending. Applicant submits that no new matter has been added by these amendments.

- Remarks -**35 USC §102(e)**

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's consideration of the previously submitted arguments, and thanks the Examiner for the withdrawal of the previous rejection of claim 1 over Suzuki et al.

In the instant Office Action, claim 1 is newly rejected over Ota (US 6,201,571). Applicant thanks the Examiner for the concise explanation and use of Ota.

Ota describes, a process of creating a reduced image and superimposing "image picking-up information" on the reduced image. The reduced image, including the superimposed information, is shown in Fig. 4 of Ota.

In relation to the above description of Ota, Applicant notes that the superimposed information is applied to a reduced image created from the originally sensed image. The flow chart of Fig. 5 of Ota for example illustrates a step (A14) for generating a reduced image, and a step (A15) for superimposing/synthesizing the "image picking-up information" with the reduced image.

Claim 1, on the other hand, recites a step of processing said sensed image to add exposure specific graphics to said image. In other words, the method of claim 1 adds exposure

specific graphics to the original image taken by the digital camera and not a reduced image created from the original image.

Applicant would greatly appreciate the Examiner's consideration and comments on the above difference.

The above difference notwithstanding, Applicant amends claim 1 to specify that exposure specific graphics added to the sensed image are decorative. Applicant notes that the "image picking-up information" described in Ota do not have any decorative qualities, and are in fact purely informational. The Examiner's further consideration of amended claim 1 would be greatly appreciate.

Other Amendments

Applicant adds new claim 2 to the application. New claim 2 recites a step of inserting an instruction card into the camera, the instruction card having printed thereon a plurality of image manipulation instructions. New claim 2 further recites a step of executing one or more of the image manipulation instructions in accordance with an auto exposure setting of the camera to add exposure specific decorative graphics to the originally sensed image.

Applicant believes that the steps recited in new claim 2 are not taught or suggested by Ota, and would greatly appreciate the Examiner's review and consideration thereof.

Applicant looks forward to word of further official communication in due course.

Very respectfully,

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